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SUBJECT: JUNE 9 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL  
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR, HELSINKI FOR ASAT

1. BERNARD GWERTZMAN, N.Y. TIMES, SAID CARTER ANNAPOLIS  
SPEECH REFLECTED PRESIDENT'S PROBLEMS OF TRYING TO SATISFY  
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TWO AUDIENCES AT ONCE: CARTER WANTED TO ASSURE SOVIET  
LEADERSHIP OF CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SALT AND ON OTHER  
HAND ASSURE PUBLIC AND CONGRESS HE WOULD BE FIRM WITH  
MOSCOW. AS RESULT SPEECH SEEMED CONTRADICTORY. GWERTZMAN  
SAID CARTER AND ADVISORS CONCERNED ABOUT POLLS SHOWING  
DECLINING POPULARITY AND IMPRESSION CARTER INDECISIVE.  
CARTER CAUGHT BETWEEN VIEWS OF VANCE WHO SOUGHT TO AVOID

EXCESSIVE ANTI-SOVIET REMARKS AND BRZEZINSKI WHO BELIEVES US MUST STIFFEN RESPONSE TO SOVIET AGGRESSIVENESS. PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL AIDES, ACCORDING TO GWERTZMAN, SAID SPEECH ACHIEVED PURPOSE, SHOWING PRESIDENT READY FOR COOPERATION WITH MOSCOW BUT WOULD NOT BE PUSHED AROUND. PRESS AND PUBLIC VIEWED SPEECH AS TOUGH. THIS PERCEPTION, GWERTZMAN SAID, WOULD BE SEEN BY CARTER POLITICAL AIDES AS "SUBSTANTIAL ACHIEVEMENT".

2. TERRANCE SMITH OF NY TIMES REPORTED SENATORS FRANK CHURCH AND GEORGE MCGOVERN SPEAKING SEPARATELY TO REPORTERS URGED PRESIDENT TO COOL LANGUAGE, SAYING THEY FEARED CRITICISM OF MOSCOW WOULD CREATE HOSTILE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AND CAUSE SENATE REJECTION OF NEW ARMS TREATY. MCGOVERN SAW "NO PURPOSE IN GINNING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INTO A KIND OF ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA." CHURCH CALLED SPEECH "RHETORICAL IMAGE OF US GREAT SEAL, COMPLETE WITH THE EAGLE'S CLAWS AND TALONS," ADDED "IF PRESIDENT'S POLICY ACTUALLY POSTULATED ON PREMISE THAT RUSSIANS SHOULD STOP WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE THEN IT DOOMED TO FAILURE." SMITH REPORTED WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY REX GRANUM TOLD REPORTERS PRESIDENT PLEASED BY PUBLIC REACTION TO SPEECH. GRANUM REPORTED WHITE HOUSE HAD RECEIVED 156 TELEPHONE CALLS AND 19 TELEGRAMS PRAISING SPEECH AND ONLY 3 CALLS AND 19 TELEGRAMS CRITICIZING IT. WALTER TAYLOR OF THE WASHINGTON UNCLASSIFIED

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STAR QUOTED CHURCH AS SAYING "PRINCIPAL REASON" FOR SECURING SHABA PROVINCE, ZAIRE IS TO PROTECT INVESTMENTS BY WESTERN BANKS. KEEPING COPPER MINES OPEN IS ONLY WAY ZAIRE CAN REPAY LOANS. CHURCH REPORTED BY TAYLOR AS SAYING SALT AGREEMENT WOULD ALLOW US TO COUNTER SOVIET CONVENTIONAL MILITARY BUILD UP IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHICH HE CALLED ONLY REAL SOVIET THREAT TO US SECURITY.

3. ELIZABETH POND, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, REPORTED CARTER ANNAPOLIS SPEECH RECEIVED FAVORABLY IN BONN. CARTER SPEECH SEEN BY WEST GERMANS AS PROPERLY BALANCED-- BETWEEN EXCESSIVE BELLIGERENCE AND ACQUIESCENCE IN SOVIET AGGRANDIZEMENT. ACCORDING TO POND, GERMANS WELCOME USE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION IN ZAIRE. ON SALT, POND REPORTS BONN SUPPORTS US REJECTION SOVIET PROPOSAL TO FREEZE DEVELOPMENT NEW MISSILES. FREEZE WOULD REMOVE WESTERN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE AND RISK LEAVING EUROPE NO DEFENSE AGAINST SS-20. POND ALSO REPORTS BONN NOT COMPLETELY HAPPY WITH NONCIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE, PREFERRING AMERICAN STATEMENT THAT ANYTHING NOT FORBIDDEN IN SALT II WOULD BE ALLOWED.

4. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR EDITORIAL SAID LIKED CARTER ANNAPOLIS SPEECH, CALLING IT "CAREFUL BLEND OF FIRMNESS AND CONCILIATION." PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR SOVIETS CANNOT PURSUE AGGRESSIVE POLICIES IN AFRICA WITHOUT ENDANGERING DETENTE. HOWEVER EDITORIAL CALLED PRESIDENT NAIVE IN SAYING SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF DETENTE AS CONTINUING AGGRESSIVE STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE AND INFLUENCE CAN BE OTHERWISE. WEST MAY NOT LIKE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA BUT SOVIET ACTION WITHIN DETENTE FRAMEWORK. EDITORIAL SAID, HE WISELY DECOUPLED "THE ALL IMPORTANT

SALT TALKS FROM THE AFRICAN SITUATION" THOUGH NOTING TENSIONS COULD COMPLICATE AGREEMENT.

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6. BALTIMORE SUN AP STORY REPORTED SENATE ENERGY COMMITTEE VOTED 13 TO 6 TO ALLOW CARTER TERMINATE CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR. ALSO VOTED 10 TO 8 DEMANDING PLAN FOR ALTERNATE BREEDER. COMMITTEE LEADERS CALLED ACTION COMPROMISE. CARTER SUPPORTERS SAID PROPOSAL DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH AND COULD LEAD TO CARTER VETO IF CONGRESS PASSES.

7. DON OBERDORFER, WASHINGTON POST, REPORTED EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER MOHAMMED GAMASSY, IN U.S. TO ARRANGE SALE FIRST U.S. COMBAT AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT, SAID IT IS NOT RIGHT TIME TO ASK U.S. TO SUPPLY EGYPT ADDITIONAL ARMAMENTS. GAMASSY SAID EGYPT NOT RECEIVING ARMS FROM SOVIET SOURCES. GAMASSY GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT--MEETING VANCE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN, BRZEZINSKI, SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES. GAMASSY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITY ETHIOPIA. "IF THE SOVIETS THREATEN SUDAN, THAT IS AN INDIRECT THREAT TO EGYPT," HE SAID. JEWISH SETTLEMENTS, GAMASSY SAID, ARE OUTSTANDING ISSUE IN SINAI TALKS. DISAGREEMENT ON WEST BANK AND PALESTINIAN QUESTION CALLED A MORE DIFFICULT STUMBLING BLOCK. HE SAID, "WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS ALL SECURITY MEASURES FOR ISRAEL AND FOR ARAB COUNTRIES."

8. CHARLES CORDDRY IN THE BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED STEPPED UP WHITE HOUSE PRESSURE ON SENATE TO REPEAL TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN ADMINISTRATION VICTORY. SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, AFTER WHITE HOUSE STRATEGY SESSION, SAID THERE WILL BE TOUGH DEBATE BUT REPEAL PROSPECTS GOOD. SENATOR JOHN STENNIS DOUBTED LIFTING EMBARGO WOULD BE PROBLEM. CYPRUS PRESIDENT SPYROS KYPRIANOU, IN WASHINGTON TO LOBBY FOR EMBARGO, TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE LIFTING BAN WOULD MAKE TURKEY MORE INTRANSIGENT. PRESIDENT CARTER, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDING TO CORDDRY, ARGUES EMBARGO HAS BEEN "COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE", WANTS TO STRENGTHEN NATO'S SOUTHEASTERN FLANK. VANCE

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